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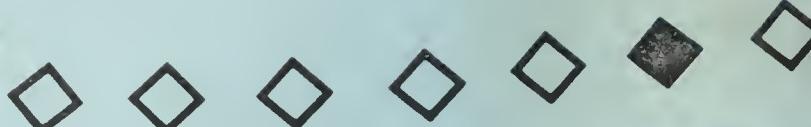
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ILLINOIS DOCUMENTS

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Library Services and Construction Act funds have been used very successfully in Illinois to improve existing library services and to promote innovative services to meet new challenges for library service to the people of Illinois.

Funds have been used in such diverse areas as library manpower - scholarships for graduate study in library science and programs to share qualified staff between public libraries; serving the unserved - methods to provide public library services to the 1,750,000 Illinois citizens who do not live in an area which provides local tax support for libraries; library service to the blind and physically handicapped - programs to provide service to persons who require information in a nontraditional format; and serving special constituencies - programs for the aging, persons whose second language is English; the urban and rural disadvantaged; and those whose educational attainments do not enable them to take advantage of library services which are available in their communities. Funds have been used for grants to the public libraries in Chicago, Peoria, and Rockford to improve library service in these Illinois major urban areas.

This brochure highlights some of the Illinois programs funded with Library Services and Construction Act funds during recent years.

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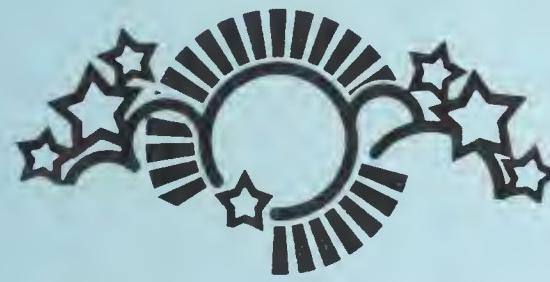




Because of careful planning from the Illinois State Library and the Illinois library community, and good support for Illinois libraries from the Illinois General Assembly, we have used relatively few of the Library Services and Construction Act funds which are received by Illinois for the administration of the Library Services and Construction Act programs - 2.5 percent of Library Services and Construction Act funds in FY 79; 1.6 percent of Library Services and Construction Act funds in FY 78; and 1.9 percent of Library Services and Construction Act funds in FY 77 were used for the administration of the Library Services and Construction program at the state level.

Library Services and Construction Act funds have been critical in the development of our nationally recognized library network - the Illinois Library and Information Network (ILLINET). We have made a significant impact in maximizing Illinois resources to meet the needs of the Illinois library user through automation, improved delivery of materials, and cooperative arrangements to share human and material resources among some 1,600 academic, public, school, and special libraries in Illinois affiliated with ILLINET.

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LIBRARY SERVICE

TO THE AGING

With an increase in the median population in Illinois, the public library has been challenged to provide services to meet the needs of an aging population. There is relatively little known about the services that Illinois public libraries provide to citizens over 65 and even less known about the potential for cooperative programs between the library and other community organizations serving persons over 65. To this extent, Library Services and Construction Act funds have been used to assist in a survey of current Illinois public library programs to serve the aging. The results of this survey, conducted in cooperation with the Illinois State Library and the Illinois Department on Aging, will be used to design model programs of library and community service to the aging.

INTERMUNICIPAL REFERENCE LIBRARY

The Intermunicipal Reference Library, funded in FY 78 and 79 with \$70,962 in Library Services and Construction Act funds, and support from the Illinois Northwest Municipal Conference, was established to serve as a centralized agency, to collect and disseminate information to suburban municipal officials. Local municipal officials, board trustees, and residents have access to materials which give information on how each local municipality relates to surrounding communities. This center has provided a centralized data collection on such information as vehicle sticker charges; vandalism ordinances; materials on energy conservation; ordinances regulating amusement parks; and examples of police performance evaluations.





RADIO READING INFORMATION SERVICES

The state of Illinois currently has five FM radio stations which generate a second program through Subsidiary Communication Authorization (SCA) to provide information to the blind. In FY 80, \$25,000 in Library Services and Construction Act funds were used for partial support of this service. Between 20-50 hours per week per station are devoted to reading local newspapers which enables listeners to hear local, national, and world news, shopping ads and other information necessary to daily activities. The stations at Belleville, Champaign, DeKalb, Macomb, and Mt. Carmel serve some 3,000 listeners on a regular basis in over 70 Illinois counties.

BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED READERS

The On-Line Circulation Control System for the Illinois Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and the Subregional System will provide for statewide automated records, equipment inventory, circulation, and a bibliographic control system. The automated system will provide for the searching of the collections of all Illinois network libraries serving the blind and physically handicapped. Each library system will be able to identify if and where a book is on-the-shelf and place a hold on that item for a local reader. A \$321,525 Library Services and Construction Act grant was awarded in FY 79 to assist in the development of this project to meet the needs of 10,145 users of this service in Illinois.



STATEWIDE LIBRARY DELIVERY

As our efforts to share existing library resources in Illinois expanded, we experienced an increase in the types of libraries served; an increase in the requests for materials which have been filled; and an increase in the number of library users. A study for a statewide document delivery system was funded in FY 78 using Library Services and Construction Act funds. A qualified engineering consulting firm was hired to study our needs and to recommend an overall design for a statewide document delivery system responsive to our information needs in Illinois. It is anticipated that this delivery system, to be initiated in July 1980, will allow 24-48 hour delivery service thereby providing the library patron with the material he needs - when he needs it.

THE ILLINOIS SETTING

Materials for use by children about the state of Illinois are scarce and yet in constant demand because of school assignments which are given to the children. The Schaumburg Township Public Library and Illinois School District 54 have received a \$73,025 Library Services and Construction Act grant in FY 79 to initiate a model program for Illinois schools and libraries called "The Illinois Setting: A Model Program for Youth Orientation." This project provides for funds to locate or design multi-media materials including geological maps; ecology boxes; materials relative to the architecture, industry, and government of Illinois; and materials relating to ethnic groups in Illinois. This collection will be shared with all types of libraries throughout the state.



COMMUNITY RELATIONS LIBRARY PROGRAM

The East St. Louis Public Library received a Library Services and Construction Act grant in FY 78 to assist in the design and implementation of a full-scale public relations program to inform residents of East St. Louis about the ways today's library can help them. Recognizing that less than 30 percent of the 50,000 population of the city has library cards; that only 20,000 residents have completed eighth grade, and that 12,000 residents have not completed high school, the library embarked on a project to demonstrate to the residents that the public library could provide them with basic information. The East St. Louis Public Library has designed reading programs to supplement the local schools; initiated several basic adult education programs including skills such as sewing; and provided career counseling for young adults.

AUTOMATION FOR RESOURCE SHARING

The major portion of Illinois Library Services and Construction Act funds in FY 80 will be used to provide grants to Illinois libraries to increase access to statewide library resources through computers in local libraries. Over fifty Illinois libraries, to date, have received Library Services and Construction Act grants in FY 80 totalling \$924,541 through this program. Illinois library users will now receive a faster response to their requests and speedier delivery of library materials because of computers which can respond to requests in two or three seconds. Taxpayers will also receive better utilization of their tax dollars since libraries can use automation to develop cooperative purchasing and library collection development arrangements. If support for Library Services and Construction Act funds continues, we hope to implement this program in many more Illinois libraries during the next two years.

YOUNG ADULT COOPERATIVE SEMINAR

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